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Hansel & Gretel



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# STORY OF THE OPERA

## ACT I

Hansel and Gretel live with their parents on the edge of a great forest. Father and Mother make brooms for a living, but times are hard and brooms are not selling very well.

Instead of working, the children are having fun. When their Mother returns she is very annoyed with them and in her anger knocks over a jug of milk, which was all the poor family had left to eat. Upset, she drives the children into the forest to gather berries, then sadly sits down, sorry for her little ones, and falls asleep. Father returns from town laden with food and asks for the children. Both parents, realizing that Hansel and Gretel must be lost, rush out to look for them.

The children are happily berry-picking and making wreaths, when they hear a cuckoo's call. Imitating the bird's thieving ways, they eat all the strawberries. They soon realize they have lost their way and are terribly afraid, but the Sandman comes and puts them to sleep. They dream of angels who come slowly down to earth to guard them from harm.

## ACT II

The Dew Fairy wakes the children and as the morning mist clears, they see a house made of cake and candy coming toward them. Just as Hansel breaks off a chunk, the Witch's voice is heard. The children think it is only the wind and go on eating, easy prey for the wicked Witch, who slips a rope around Hansel when the children try to escape. She casts a spell over them and Hansel is caught in a magic cage to be fattened up. While the Witch's back is turned, Gretel frees Hansel and the two children tumble the Witch into her own oven. As the oven explodes, the gingerbread figures around the cottage turn back into children who had been enchanted by the Witch.

Happiness is complete when Father and Mother appear and the family is re-united.

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### *Make-up*

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# HANSEL & GRETEL

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## CAST

	DEC. 12, 13, 16	DEC. 14, 15, 17
<i>Hansel</i>	MAIDA ROGERSON	NANCY GREENWOOD
<i>Gretel</i>	CARMEN GAGNON	MARILYN CARLEY
<i>Mother</i>	LOIS GYURICA	MARGARET ZEIDMAN
<i>Father</i>	PAUL FREDERICS	PETER MILNE
<i>Sandman</i>	LESLIE WERTMAN	RENE ROSEN
<i>Dew Fairy</i>	DANIELLE PILON	EILLEAN FERGUSON
<i>Witch</i>	ARLENE MEADOWS*	
<i>Dog</i>	MIRANDA DAVIES	
<i>Skunk</i>	DOREEN MILLMAN	
<i>Raccoon</i>	NANCY DELONG	
<i>Chorus</i>	MEMBERS OF THE OPERA SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S CHORUS	
<i>Angels</i>	FROM THE JOYCE HILL SCHOOL OF DANCING	

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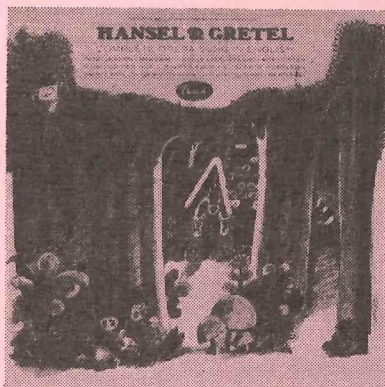
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